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Post: **Commodities:**

Hanoi Rice, Milled

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STATISTICAL TABLES

Table 1. Vietnam's Production, Supply and Demand for Rice

Rice, Milled Vietnam	2007			2008			2009		
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010		
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2008			Market Year Begin: Jan 2009			Market Year Begin: Jan 2010		
	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Jan
			Data			Data			Data
Area Harvested	7,412	7,412	7,412	7,392	7,392	7,316	7,290	7,290	7,330
Beginning Stocks	1,392	1,392	1,392	2,018	2,018	2,018	1,998	2,098	1,956
Milled Production	24,37 5	24,37 6	24,37 6	24,43 0	24,43 0	24,38 8	23,79 5	23,79 5	24,30 4
Rough Production	36,93 2	36,93 3	36,93 3	37,01 5	37,01 5	36,95 2	36,05 3	36,05 3	36,82 4
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
MY Imports	300	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	500
TY Imports	300	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	500
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	26,06 7	26,06 8	26,06 8	26,94 8	26,94 8	26,90 6	26,29 3	26,39 3	26,76 0
MY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	5,800	5,700	5,800	5,500	5,500	5,500
TY Exports	4,649	4,650	4,650	5,800	5,700	5,800	5,500	5,500	5,500
Consumption , Residual	19,40 0	19,40 0	19,40 0	19,15 0	19,15 0	19,15 0	19,15 0	19,15 0	19,15 0
Ending Stocks	2,018	2,018	2,018	1,998	2,098	1,956	1,643	1,743	2,110
Total Distribution	26,06 7	26,06 8	26,06 8	26,94 8	26,94 8	26,90 6	26,29 3	26,39 3	26,76 0
Yield (Rough)	5.	5.	4.982 9	5.	5.	5.050 8	5.	5.	5.023 7

PRODUCTION

Table 2. Vietnam's Area, Yield, and Production for Rough Rice (September 2009)

Marketing Year	2007 Revised		2008 Estimate		2009 Forecast	
Harvested Area (tha)	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Winter ¹	1,846	1,846	1,858	1,782	1,810	1,810
Spring ²	2,971	2,971	3,024	3,024	2,980	3,020
Autumn ³	2,595	2,595	2,510	2,510	2,500	2,500
TOTAL	7,412	7,412	7,392	7,316	7,290	7,330
Yield (mt/ha)						
Winter	4.29	4.29	4.30	4.50	4.25	4.25

Spring	5.83	5.83	5.88	5.88	5.70	5.88
Autumn	4.50	4.50	4.48	4.44	4.55	4.55
AVERAGE	4.99	4.99	5.01	5.05	4.94	5.02
Production (tmt)						
Winter	7,919	7,919	7,989	8,019	7,692	7,692
Spring	17,336	17,336	17,781	17,781	16,986	17,758
Autumn	11,678	11,678	11,245	11,151	11,375	11,375
TOTAL	36,933	36,933	37,015	36,951	36,053	36,824

¹ Lua Mua (10th Month), ² Winter-Spring, ³ Summer-Autumn

Source: MARD, Post estimates

CY 2010 Spring Crop

With the current high rice prices on the export market, Post expects the production area and yield of the CY 2010 Spring crop to remain at the relatively high 2009 levels. Post therefore revises its forecast for CY 2010 paddy production from 36.05 million tons to 36.83 million tons.

Autumn Crop

The Autumn crop paddy production is slightly down from 11.25 million tons to 11.15 million tons, due to the lower yield of the late Autumn crop in the Mekong river delta.

Winter Crop

The estimate for the CY 2009 Winter crop production area is lowered by approximately 64,000 hectares over the CY 2008 crop, due to bad weather in the central and northern parts of Vietnam, and the reduction in planted area of the crop in the Mekong river delta. The revised CY 2009 Winter crop production area is therefore down from Post's previous estimate at 1.78 million hectares (as of mid-November 2009).

However, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development's November report, the paddy production of the Winter crop is slightly higher due to higher-than-expected yields in the northern provinces. Post estimates the paddy production for the Winter crop to be slightly higher at 8.02 million tons.

Vietnam CY 2009 total rice production

Calendar year 2009 total paddy rice production is revised down slightly from 37.02 million tons to 36.95 million tons, which is still slightly higher than the CY 2008 paddy production.

Rice Production in the Mekong River Delta

The changes described in this report are mainly the result of the reduction of the Winter crop's

production area from 340,000 hectares to 320,000 hectares and of the reduced yield of the late Autumn crop, which, in turn, was due to farmers using higher-quality but lower-yielding rice varieties.

Table 3. Rice Production in the Mekong Delta by Marketing Year

(000 ha; mt/ha; ,000 mt)

	2007 (Revised)			2008 (Estimate) (old)			2008 (Est.) (new)		
	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.	Area	Yield	Prod.
Winter	345	3.96	1,366	340	3.95	1,343	320	3.95	1,264
Spring	1,511	6.40	9,670	1,544	6.32	9,758	1,544	6.32	9,758
Autumn	1,550	4.74	7,351	1,553	4.72	7,330	1,553	4.72	7,330
Late Autumn	506	4.00	2,024	470	4.00	1,880	470	3.80	1,786
Total	3,894		20,411	3,907		20,311	3,907		20,138

Source: MARD, Post estimate

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